

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
MINUTES
Conducted by Remote Participation

Call to order

Chair Stephen Quinlan called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. In attendance were trustees Heather Calvin, Adam Delmolino, Jonathan Gates, Rebecca Gruber, Amy Hampe, and Rebecca Steinitz. Library Director Anna Litten and Assistant Director Lara Vilahomat were also in attendance. Mr. Quinlan shared open meeting law information as it pertains to remote meetings and read the Resolution Acknowledging Native Lands.

Community Time

There were no comments from members of the community.

Approval of January 9 Meeting Minutes (vote)

Amy Hampe moved to approve the January 9 Minutes as amended. Rebecca Gruber seconded the motion. Under guidance from the Attorney General's office, the Board held a roll call vote. Ms. Calvin voted aye, Mr. Demolino voted aye, Mr. Gates voted aye, Mr. Quinlan voted aye, Ms. Steinitz voted aye. The Board approved the January 9 Meeting Minutes.

Arlington's Libraries Survey Review

Ms. Calvin presented an analysis of the results of the recent online survey showing the demographics and library use of the over 1000 respondents.

Fox Branch Library Facility Needs Committee

Mr. Delmolino shared an update from the Fox Branch Facility Needs Committee. The Committee discussed the survey analysis and the integration of the survey results with the work of Mr. Dahlgren.

Town Meeting Strategy

Ms. Litten discussed the Fox library tours, one of the next steps in engaging Town Meeting members, and the process for the upcoming warrant article for the appropriation of \$150,000.

Director's Report

Ms. Litten presented the Director's Report and highlighted several items, including the CDBG grant funding for the upcoming renovation of the Robbins restrooms and conversations with local funders and the Arlington Libraries Foundation. The Board discussed the Director's Report.

Foundation Liaison Update

Ms. Hampe reported on the Foundation fundraising efforts and appeal. Year to date, The ALF Board raised \$110,000. Ms. Hampe reported on the planned ALF donor event scheduled for Feb. 29 at Fox Branch Library, the proposed partnership with Arlington Brewing Company, and the planned ALF house party.

Friends Liaison Updates

Ms. Litten shared the update on the most recent Friends meeting; they are preparing for their upcoming annual general meeting. There was no update from the Friends of Fox.

Communications and Announcements

Ms. Litten reported that, along with Mr. Delomino, she will present to FinCom on March 4 about Warrant Article 55 and the \$150,000 appropriation request.

Unanticipated Items

There were no unanticipated items.

Date of Next Meeting: March 12, 2024

Adjournment (vote)

Stephen Quinlan moved to adjourn. The Board held a roll call vote. Ms. Calvin voted aye, Mr. Demolino voted aye, Mr. Gates voted aye, Ms. Gruber voted aye, Ms. Hampe voted aye, Ms. Steinitz voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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- February 13 Meeting Agenda
- January 9 Meeting Minutes